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POETRY.

[For the Free Press.] SONG OF THE SKATERS ON LAKE CHAMPLAIN.

He ! Skaters all, attend the call ! Our Ice King hails to festival. Now to his court, for joyous sport, O, all ye loyal ones resort. Though polar zone displays his throne,

Yet we his shining sceptre own, Beyeath a shield of mail concealed, Lake, pool and stream their homage yield.

In double line, arms intertwine, Or singly, skim the chrystalline, Wide spreads from shore to headland o'er, The even surface of our floor.

With balance true, ye votaries new, Your scene of future triumphs view, Well poised on steel, from toe to heel, Stand firm of foot, and fearless feel.

Then wheel shack, upon the track, Avoiding wisely flaw and crack. So side and side, we'll smoothly glide, Along our merry, merry slide,

Across this sheen, aqua marine,

Out from the Bay, with easy sway,

Away to Juniper, away !

Might proudly float a fairy queen. O'er all the place, in sportive chase, Fair maidens move with gentle grace, In kirtle gay, with eyes whose ray,

With checks aglow, and lips which show The ruby tide in healthful flow; O, elfin fair might scarcely dare With these, her graces to compare.

Beams cheerful as the cloudless day.

Fearless we go, where just below Vibrates the tide, in restless flow, Through gloomy halls, with wave washed wall-Hhere voice of gladness never falls.

With snow wreaths crowned, mountains aroun O'er look our peerless skuting ground, In light arrayed, and flitting shade, By blended cloud and sunshine made.

Ho! Skaters all, attend the call, Our Joe King holds high festival.

Come, when serene, in Orient seen, The smiling morn illumes the scene, Or when the day pursues her way With rising and declining ray,

Sits throned upon the western air, And vale below, receives the glow Of tints which from her vesture flow Come when the night with satellite

When evening fair, with shining hair

Of orb arrayed in silver light, And diamond gem, on diadem And robe,-from zone to trailing hem. With regal grace, through ambient space,

Ho! Skaters all, attend the call. Our Ice King hails to festival, Now to his court, for joyous sport O, all ye loyal once resort. Burlington, Feb. 25th.

MISCELLANY.

When the vessel had settled down in a sandy bottom, it is preserved many months from calm water, if it be not tilted over by any under current drifts. The light, of course, depends a good deal upon the depth, and upon the nature of the bottom; but where there is no chalk to give a milky thickness to the water, the diver pursues his work in a kind of gloomy twilight. By the aid of this he can see and feel his way round the ship, but when he ascends to the deck and winds down into the principal cabins he finds every him but his hands. This is the most difficult, and yet the most frequent, labo her he has to encounter; the danger being that deep, and the cabins are long and broad, he supply of life from above. In positions such ation. as this he requires all his nerve and self-possession, all his power of feeling his way back have got the precious casket to which he has prey. The diver disentangles himself from stairs to the deck. The treasure he has rescued is hauled up into the attendant divingboat, and he returns again to renew his work. He seldom meets with an accident under water; never, perhaps, with death, and the his worst apprehensions-Mr. Mackenzie had chief risk he runs is from getting some heavy | not been there. piece of ship lumber overturned on his long train of air-pipe. Even in this case he teels his way back to the obstruction, removes it, trade .- All the Year Round.

A MELANCAOLY FATE. - Some three years ago, a topographical engineer in the Russian service, but a Prussian by birth, becoming involved in some difficulty with the Government fled to New York with his wife and one child, saving also \$3000 of his fortune. His name was Schultz-C. P., if our informant recollects correctly. He has spent the intervening time and his entire property in perfecting an improvement upon the steam engine, and securing an American and an English patent for it. It was at last completed, and about a fortnight ago the first machine was put up at the paper mill in West Cummington, in Hampshire county. It worked like a charm, and, last Friday, the happy inventor wrote to his wife, exulting in his prospect of a speedy and abundant reward for his long labors and promising to return to her on Monday. On Saturday evening he went to the mill to observe the working of the machinery, and while suggesting some slight change, he stepped upon a belt, was at once drawn under a large cylinder and instantly crushed to, death. The body was recovered as soon as possible; and on Monday-placed in a plain coffin and ac companied by a single machinist, who had in putting up his engine-all that remained

James Stephens, recently executed for the hunger and fatigue, had at last to succumb marder of his wife, a little girl, his only His right hand was on his heart, and his

although only said to be 7 years of age.

After the jury had rendered a verdict, she jumped up and said to her father, "Come, father, it's all over now—let's go home."

From that time the fate of her father has been concealed from her; a few weeks before the execution the child wake up one right.

pacified. From that time the child has pined away, until this week, when she died. We have this, says the N. Y. Com. Adv. from

SINGULAR DEATH OF A LADY-The wife of Julius M. Smith, Esq., of Concord, Mass., a very estimable lady, about thirty years of age, wishing to have a number of teeth extracted, desired the surgeon to administer to her whisky, in order to render her insensible during the operation. He advised her not to whom she had consulted.

But as she still desired to take it, saving that she feared the effect of other or cholororom danger, a tumbler full and a half—that | letter we take the following : s, two and a half gills-were given to her, mixed with sugar, in the space of an hour. The operation was then performed, and for en or twelve hours the patient presented on-

ly the ordinary symptoms of intoxication, except that, for a few minutes, she appeared like a person in an apoplexy, but suon recovered. About an hour after drinking the whisky she vomited freely, without pain or

Her pulse and breathing were natural, and the family and friends who called in the course of the day and evening felt no apprehension till twelve o'clock last night, when the doctor, who, feeling some anxiety, in consequence of the symptoms of apoplexy manifested, had remained with her during the greater part of the evening, requested that another physician be called for the purpose of having a consultation.

Nothing, however, could be done, and she expired at about seven o'clock this morning, without having shown any sign of returning consciousness or of suffering .- Traveler, 21st.

From the St. Paul Minnesotian and Times, Feb. 19. A TERRIBLE WINTER'S JOURNEY. LOST AND PROZEN TO DEATH ON THE OPEN

PRAIRIE.

Mr. Anthony, one of the party who was ost on the prairie, and whose sufferings are depicted below by the editor of the Nor! Wester, published at the Red River Settlement, called upon us yesterday. The follow-ing account is taken from the Nar'- Wester, the second number of which lies before us -Never have we met with a more sad and soiler of the Anson Northrup not being in a fit state to commence work in the spring, the Mossrs. Burbank, of St. Paul, resolved to mouth of Buffalo river, about 200 miles from | hive. here, and that Gov. Mactavish should des- They can easily be distinguished by patch a party thither to bring him on to the | broad vellow band around the abdomen, gineer, making the grave mistake of taking | ger. mules instead of dogs. None of them had traveled the route before, and, of course, could not possess a correct knowledge of the

road and distance. Mr Mackenzie said it was five or six days ourney, and provided supplies accordingly eastward, in order to fall in with the trail longer than two or three days when the mules from twenty to twenty-five dollars. began to 'give up.' They then felt that they breaking up; and its position may be much | anticipated; and, what was worse, that their meipient despair came over them. Here they back succor to his companions. The engineer thing pitch dark, and has nothing to guide accompanied him. The day was cold and from thirty to a hundred pounds of honey drifted the snow in their faces, and drove estimate is five dollars profit per hive. them back. They all camped together that

his head, are the decomposed corpses of those possible, as he intended to run most of the tion. may be on the floor under his feet, but only | put that in his pocket, provided himself with when pinned down by an overturned table or | matches, and shook hands once more. It

dead infant from its dead mother's arms, the have received assistance on Saturday night be considered reliable. dead wife from her dear husband's embrace, or Sunday morning. Sunday morning dead wife from her dear husband's embrace, or Sunday and Sunday night, too, If the wreck be in the channel, the small passed, however, and Sunday night, too, Singular Case or Somnambulism—The without bringing any help. Their worst Manchester Mirror says that last Thursday crabs are already beginning to fatten on their prey. The diver disentangles himself from forebodings were now confirmed, and the his silent crowd, and ascends the welcome feeling of painful suspense gave way to a feeling of desperation. On Monday morning David Tait pushed ahead, and by great exertion he succeeded in reaching Pembina the same evening. A brief inquiry confirmed

Mr. Rolette at once provided two men with every requisite and sent them away. Tait the sudden check and the want of air, gropes | accompanying them, they fell in with the remnant of the party shortly after midnight that day and night, on Wednesday they came | She escaped with a few slight hruises. upon traces which brought them to his corpse After leaving his companions, he seems to have followed the trail for a considerable distance, and then to have lost his way. Night came upon him, and bewildered by the growing darkness and drifting snow, he made towards a clump of trees, with the intention, probably, of kindling a fire. If such was his object, he seems to have been unable to accomplish it; and his beaten track shows that to keep himself from freezing, he had spent the hours of that lonesome night in H. Seward to that of any other man. They too abundant, at times, for the convenience spent the hours of that lonesome night in running round a circle. With the break of further and further from the spot which he | country can boast. He is emphatically a | -Lowell Citizen. was straining every nerve to reach. Another representative of the party in all those disweary day of fruitless travel was followed by tinctive attributes which define Rea second night more dreary even than the publicanism as distinguished from defirst. Again he had manage to stave off mocracy. He is one of the earliest exponents what he must have felt to have been the hour of the anti-slavery extension sentiment of the Brown invasion, and to report upon it, has come of his dissolution by long hours of ceaseless activity. A third day's journey brought him towards Lac des Roseaux. Here he attempted to run round as before. But the strength

him , now forsook him. He dragged his tired footsteps through the loose snow towards a tree, from which h learned to be his friend while assisting him | plucked a branch and hung thereon a shred of his tattered coat as a signal to mark his him who expected to return in the dismal resting place; he next tore off anothtriumph of successful genius to his family, er branch of the same tree, which he placed as a pillow for his cold bed, and then laid upon it his weary head and died. The powerful body and determined spirit which had so MELANCHOLY INCIDENT .- At the trial of long braved the merciless storm, in spite of child, was present and examined as a witnes left hung by his side, firmly holding a com-

it was with great difficulty that she was less party had left before his arrival. They had taken different roads, and thus he had missed them.

The remains of the deceased were brought respectable authority, and give it without to Pembina on Thursday week, and to Fort Garry on the following day. The body continued there until yesterday, when it was conveyed to Saint Andrew's, and interred side by side with Mr. Mackenzie's father and mother.

ITALIAN BEES.

The Country Gentleman contains a letter resort to whisky, as did another physician dated Paris, Jan. 14,1860, from S.B. Parsons, of Flushing, N.Y., to W.D.Bishop, Com. of Patents, on the subject of Italian Bees, the arrival form, and believed that whiskey would be of many swarms of which in this country we equally efficacious, and at the same time free saw mentioned a few days ago. From the

Since I last communicated with the De-

partment, I have had additional intercourse with European agriculturalists, and am increasingly unpressed with the great value of It was not introduced into Northern Europe until 1853, and its introduction is every year more appreciated as a new era in bee culture. Its introduction into the United States may no less constitute a new era, and the Patent Office will deserve the gratitude of the country for its efforts to obtain it. This will be better understood when the profits of bee culture shall be so generally appreciated that every farmer will will gather up the multitude of sweets which now are lost, and yield to their owner, according to his care, from three to ten thousand pounds of honey, or according to Langstroth's lowest estimate, five hundred dollars per annum profit. It cannot be doubted that Italian bees will entirely take the place of our common species, for the reasons: first, that they will endure the cold better; 2d. that they swarm twice as often; 3d, that their queens are abundantly more prolific; 4th, that the working bees begin to forage they are less apt to sting, and may be easily proboses is longer, and it can reach the nelancholy narrative than that which it is | tance of this last superiority cannot be too our painful duty this week to recount. The highly appreciated , 8th, that a young queen once impregnated, will continue fertile during her life-from four to seven years. This quality will insure pure blood, till the whole send over to Fort Gerry, during the winter, country is filled with them; fifth, that they a compenient person to examine it; it was are far more brave and active than the com-

there a few days he grew impatient at the be considered such. My companion uncovthen started with two others besides the ca- rather roughly when he alighted on my fin-

It is the custom of the Italians to take quote as follows: them up on the highest Alps, and I therefore feel certain of their great hardiness. I believe that this bee will soon prevail in the United States, and drive all others out of culture. This will result from a conviction everywhere of the large profits to be derived from its propagation and its labor. To imfrom Crow Wing. They had not been out port a hive of full size from Europe will cost

could not reach their destination in the time | for a couple of years to come, the demand for these bees will be very great, at ten provisions would fail them. A feeling of dollars for a queen impressed, __t.t. emi fifty queens in one season. For, perhaps, three years more, their value will be fiv dollars, and less, until the country is fully

As soon as the demand fails, the possessor of them is thrown back upon their labor for ductive than that of the common bee, and Langstroth gives the produce of the latter stormy, and a bitter blast from the north | f r each hive, besides the wax. His lowest

A German writer says that from one Italiin a large vessel where the cabin stairs are | night near Pine river, about fifty miles from | an queen he obtained more than one hundred Pembina. In the morning the brave hearted | and thirty fertile young queens, but I state may get his air tube twisted around some un. Mackenzie started again-started never to fifty as a safer number. The great value of familiar projections, and so squeeze off his return, and, alas! never to reach his destin- this breed is the safety and case with which they can be handled and divided up. [When This time he went alone. He seemed to it is recollected that each hive will make have a presentiment that he would not get | fifty others in the first year, and, consequentthrough, and he made David Tait, the man | ly, twenty-five hundred others the second who had been with him at Georgetown, a year, and then, when the demand fails, each been directed in his arms; but what of that present of his gun, in case that he had no colony or hive will produce honey to the if he die before he can reach the stairs? The further need of it. He wore but one thin value of five dollars, it will be readily concold, helpless masses that bump against his coat, and was lightly clad throughout, wish-ceded that its money power will speedily helmet, as they float along the low roof over | ing to be as little burdened with clothes as | settle the question of its general introduc-

who were huddled together in the cabin way. A bit of pemican, the size of his fist, It must not be forgotten, however, that when the ship went down. A few of these | was all the food the party could supply. He | success in this, as in all high breeding, re-

SINGULAR CASE OF SOMNAMBULISM -The or any other offence. night, during the violent snow storm which was raging at that time, Mrs. Helper, wife of George Helper of Fisherville, arose in her sleep without awakening her nurse, who was of its own coinage fairly nailed to the counter. sleeping with her, and passed out at the back door, and jumped or fell into a well, 40 feet deep, containing about two feet of water. when search was made and she was at length | for the memory of Old Brown? found in that precarious condition and extricated. She bad long been fearful that some of her children would fall into the well, and signals to his companions to be raised, and on Tuesday, and after supplying their urgent had frequently dreamed about it, and had reaches the boat exhausted and alarmed, but needs, they went off in search of the ill-fated probably been dreaming on this night of such not so much so as to give up his place in the M ckenzie. They sought him in vain all an accident and went to the supposed rescue.

Who will be the candidate of the Republican party in the approaching campaign is a matter of extreme doubt. from no want of interest in the nomination, but from a general willingness to subordinate believe him to be not only the foremost man day, he started again across the trackless | in his party, but the ablest and most farcountry, as he is its ablest advocate on the floor of Congress. But the Republicans of Vermont will cheerfully support and the existence in a number of northern states of a

> At ---- College, the senior class was under examination for degrees. The professor of Natural Philosophy was badgering the boys on optics. The point under illustration was that, strictly and scientifically speaking. we see not objects, but their images depicted actually see your father?" "No. sir." promptly replied. "Please explain to the committee why you never saw your own father." "Because," replied Mr. William Jack-son very gravely, "he died before I was

Mr. and Mrs. Brewer of Wayne county, the execution the child woke up one night patched to Georgetown, to bring on the enscreaming. "They are hanging father," and gineer. But, as already stated, that hapbrewery,

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BURLINGTON:

ANOTHER LIE NAILED.

The Sentinel, a week since, reproduced the false and absurd story recently concocted by some democratic reprobate, concerning a daughter of Mrs. Child, said to be abandoned by that lady to the charity of strangers at the South. It was copied by the Sentinel. and is still going the rounds of the Democratic press, in the face of the fact, immediately made public by her friends, that Mrs. Child never had a daughter, and that the whole story had not the remotest approach to truth in a single sentence of it. This week, the Sentinel takes back the statement,

MUS. L. MARIA CHILD .- We have received assurances from a personal friend of ours, who is a ction of this distinguished lady, that the story of her having a young lady daughter at the South, dependant on the charity of friends, is a fabrication, utterly wanting any foundation in truth. We are of course willing to believe his statements in the matter, as he claims to know Mrs C. and her family history, and are equally willing to make reparation for the wrong done to have his hundred hives, the immates of which | that lady by the statement we published last week. But a pazzling query presents itself, which we cannot answer satisfactorily to ourselves and believe that our triends cannot, else it would have been done long ago. It is this—This story, copied from the correspondence of a southern journal, has been the round of the leading Democratic journals of the United States. Why has it not been as carefully and widely contradicted?

It has been carefully and widely contradicted by the Republican journals. It has not been contradicted by the Democratic press, because that is not their way of doearlier and are more industrious; 5th, that | ing things. Secure in the circumstance that their subscribers commonly read no other tions and having time. I made some proqueen may be so educated as to lay her eggs paper, and that for them "a lie well stuck to gress, but not much, as it was a time dancing in any hive in which she is placed, while the is as good as the truth," they publish the in any hive in which she is placed, while the boss of such a hive, deprived of their own false as readily as the true, or commonly in playing the rich widow, breaking Popes default of any truth that will answer their | necks and kessing the girls. depths of flowers which are entirely beyond | purposes, and leave it to find its own correcthe efforts of the common bee. The impor- | tion as best it may. A fair withdrawal of a misstatement is a rarity in any democratic Grout, 4th March, 1791, and took his wife paper that we are acquainted with.

The history of the John Brown affair illustrates all this with especial force. It was deemed necessary for political ends, that the accordingly arranged that he should go to mon bee, will fight with great fierceness, and private character of the old man, whom even and keep an accurate account of the money Georgetown, a newly formed station at the more effectually keep the moth out of the Gov. Wise pronounced the have no stable organization of their own are the little body was painted—not that I know anysincere." should be blackened, and unblush- of the income of the saw and grist-mills, Settlement. The engineer, it would seem, I feel assured of their susceptibility to en- resorted to by the Democracy to attain the had arrived at Georgetown somewhat soner | tire domestication, for I went in among them | object. The Scaline has shared in this pleasthan the date fixed upon, and having waited without any protection, unless a cigar could ant work, mainly by copying the fabrications delay, and requested to be sent on. Mr. ered the hives and took out the bees, which of others. It has made one original contri-Mackenzie, the young gentleman in charge swarmed around me in great umbers, but bution to the stock, and that has thus soon of the station, delayed a while longer, and did no harm, except one, whom I treated met its refutation. A number of the Akron (Ohio) Beacon is before us, from which we

SLANDBRING THE DEAD .- One of the mean est streaks of human nature, is that disposi- made, and requested me to name the papers tion to malign the defenceless, which one I was to subscribe for, which was done. can see almost every day of his life. This was never more fully exemplified than in the the large kitchen, on which the papers were terior, and has now, beyond a doubt, the like knowledge and habits. case of John Brown. He has expiated his placed on the arrival of the mail. No dishes erime, folly, or insane infatuation, by sufferng with martyr-like firmness, the extreme any person wished to read them they penalty of the law. But since his death, he read them at this table. Every Saturday is charged, in the democratic pares with s charged, in the democratic paners tell is not alive to plead to such arraignments. The following from the Burlington, Vt.

Sentenel will illustrate our remark. Some or John Brown's Crines-His Revengeer. Spinit.—The act about which Wendell Philild, on his way to the gallows, turns out not to true. His refusal of all Christian ministrations

or from the Western Reserve, Ohio "As John Brown has been compared to Jesus which will illustrate his character. He lived the last eighteen years before going to Kansas, witheighteen miles of hero, and I was informed the other day by a gentleman in this county, who is a man of undoubted integrity, that when he lived in other day by a gentleman in this county, who is a man of undoubted integrity, that when he lived in Hudson, some eighteen years ago, a magistrates there, scutenced Brown and four of his boys to thirty days imprisonment in Alren jail, for burnity hirty days imprisonment in Akron jail, for burnng a neighber's fences and 'haystacks. Brown had a law suit with a neighbor in reference to piece of land, and the court decided against him; and to gratify his amiable disposition he burne; is neighbor's property. This is the man whom

he Republican party compare to Washington." We should like to know who the "man of a wilful har might be rash; no less so perhaps, to say he is a fool. One of the two, he certainly is. Not only is the story false, but most foolishly so. Any man who knows the and one pamphet of every description pubquires care and attention, and for want of a. b. c. of Chio law knows that no magis- lished in this State. I was very successful in a fallen chest. Their tendency is ever up- was a last and sad farewell! Had be reached suits. The facts I have stated are asserted sentence any man for such a crime as that the General Assembly of this State and petiward, and the remorseless sea washes the Pembina in due time, his companions would by the best agriculturists in Europe, and may alleged. John Brown was never charged, in tioned for an act to incorporate the Vermont this county, with burning fences or haystacks, and he was never imprisoned in Ohio for that

> to swallow itself entire, by taking back all paid their initiation fee of \$2 each agreeable its mis-statements; but here is a fresh piece Will it take it back, or let it pass? The Sentinel has done the decent thing, for once, The nurse subsequently awaking missed her, in its way, by Mrs. Child; will it do as much

Montpelier, Vt, undertook the experiment of boring for saline water in that locality, commencing on a surface rock a few yards from process was carried on by machinery, pro-pelled by water-power, and the depth reached believe, nearly or quite the whole distance being llme rock. The only fact of interest developed was a variance of temperature to all personal feelings and local pride to the the extent of several degrees between the general good of the party. The Republicans surface and the bottom of the well, the bot- which was not published. Rev. Mr. Butler of Vermont, according to our best judgment tom being warmer than the top. No saline the second, which was published; I deof the operators. At length the drill broke waste, every step that he took carrying him seeing statesman now living of whom our voted a bore, and indefinitely postponed.

> Vermont will cheerfully support any man whom in its wisdom and judgment, the Chicago Convention may nominate, provided he is a man whose Republicanism can be safely relied on.—Phenix.
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> the existence in a number of northern states of widespread conspiracy not merely against Virginia, but against the peace and security of all the southern states. But the careful erasure of names and dates from the papers found in Brown's possess on, renders it difficult to procure legal evidence of the guilt of the parties implicated." No could of it; there is a great deal of evidence in the brains of the Virginians, but none to be got at elsewhere. What has become of the bushel of letters which Governer Wise is said to have taken from Brown's carpet bag?

It is said that the famous Gen. Ethan | 748 vols. of books, and more than one ream on the retina. The worthy professor, in order to make the matter plainer, said to the war of the Revolution, is now wag of the class, "Mr. Jackson, did you ever work in the war of his female descendants in of the States published prior to 1793. On able to boast with infinitely more reason than it now does, that he "can measure swords with any body."-Louisville Journal.

What things increase the more you contract them? Debte!

From the Congregational Journal. VERMONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY. ITS ORIGIN AND PROGRESS.

The following letter has been kindly furnished us for publication in our columns FRIDAY MORNING, MARCH 2 1860. Burlington, Vt., Dec. 13th, 1859.

W. F. Goodwin, Esq. ; This day I am sixty-eight years of age. It being my birth-day, I concluded, after writing a letter to my son Henry, now in London England; to my daughter Sophia at Rome, Italy; to my son Simon at Washington, D. C.; to my son Franklin, at New York; my brother Willard, at Barnet, Vt.; to my sister Sophia, at Barton, to write you in regard to the Vermont Historical and Antiquarian Society. I have a little delicacy in so doing; I will, however, open the door and give you the particulars,

Permit me by way of introduction, to observe that on the 12th of June, 1803, my father took me on horseback from Barnet to Peacham. We stopped on the way at the residence of Walter Brooks, Esq. The Selectmen held a meeting at his house that day, Hon. Alexander Harvey being one of the Selectmen, also one of the Trustees of Caledonia County Grammar Senool, I was re-Harvey gave my father a line to the Preceptwas to board. After dioner we again mounted and rode about three-fourths of a mile to the Academy. Mr. Carter came out and took | they died. Judge Harvey's certificate, saying it was sufficient, took me from the hors and led me by the hand into the school-room. I was barefooted, wore a paste-board hat, fustian trousers, jacket and spencer, tow and linen shirt, cotton collar and cotton cloth about an inchwide each side of the boom. I assure I was of my age.

of May, 1808, save a sort eight anouths I was clerk in Mr. Abner Crossman's store, vacaschools had to be attended to, not to men-tion huskings, knittings, apple-parings, they are really rowing another, is often more val-

My father died 7th June, 1808; had he lived till the 2d of Oct., he would have been sixty-nine years old. He married Sophia to his residence in Barnet. He kept a tavern of us-five boys and two girls-three having died. Mother said if I would be a 'good boy and what for, also a farm account, an account other side an account of all the money paid out and what for; Every evening I took my the sums paid out and see that my account

was correctly kept, and then such particulars as she directed I entered in a book. the Commissioners appraised father's estate mother told them the contract she and I had or flat-irons were allowed on this table. If filed and placed on the shelf. Once in six found, a line was addressed to the printer for the missing number; thus I proceeded in more than half a century. In 1830 I purchased of William Whitelaw 614 vols. of many years was Deputy Surveyor General, under Col. Ira Allen who was our Surveyor General. Whitelaw become Surveyor Genpapers. Many vols. of these papers were ound with an index to all Proprietors' Meetings, Land Tax Advertisements &c., from 1783 to 1827. In addition to these papers, surveys of town lines of almost every town in

I procures of him all his father's field books, indoubted integrity" is. To pronounce him Vermont; also field books of lotting towns, surveys of farms, &c. This collection added somewhat to my previous one. In 1820 I undertook to collect one book this some may be disappointed in their re- trate has or ever had jurisdiction to try and my enterprise. In Oct., 1838, I attended Districts are to elect their own delegates plication was favorably received and an act was passed. At the first meeting of the Society, Oct., 1839, I was chosen President We cannot, of course, expect the Sentine and Librarian. Three persons joined, and example.

to the by-laws, and several more attended the first meeting named in the act of incorporation, but neither of them, advanced his initiation fee. In 1854 two other men joined the Society, and paid \$2 each. The person who had officiated as Secretary up to this time, presented his claim for postage, should applaud and emulate its fatal exam- ders, and the Pope 'down on him.' amounting to \$4 68. I gave him the last \$4 received. Gov. Mattocks gave me \$2, but said he did not wish to be entered as a Some thirty years since a company in | member, but would take it in published addresses. You will notice that the whole not a word has appeared in the Free Press to amount of funds received from others is \$12: all other expenses whatever I have paid from the shore of Winooski river. The drilling my own funds. I procured Prof. J. D. Butler's first address, published 1500 copies, for which I paid \$68 88, including the first was something over nine hundred feet, we Declaration of Independence and the Vermonters' Camp Song of 1779. I sold pamphlets to the amount of \$17 25. I considered myself lucky. Hon. Hiland Hall delivered the first address before the Society,

fourth, not published; President Smith the fifth, not published; Rev. Mr. Btler andu off far down in the well, the euterprise was G. W. Houghton, each an address, published; Hon D. P. Thompson one, pub- England,-as follows: lished; Mr. Fulsom and Mr. Clark one committee was appointed to wait on me and

obtain such books as belonged to the Society.

The General Assembly, by resolution, about 1847-8, gave me the use of three rooms in the third story of the State House, and appropriated \$25 for the shelves, two tables and two chairs. October, 1849, I moved weather had changed to bitter coldness, and the wind had drifted the snow into the path, their my collection from Barnet and placed it in said three rooms in the State house, consisting of 1186 vols, of newspapers, 644 pamphlets, 5656 manuscript lettérs-the pamphlets and letters arranged for binding-Michigan. It is a weapon of tremendous weight and length. Let Mr. Douglas procure it, and then his Chicago organ will be able to boast with infinitely lections, save 26 vols. of newspapers which happened to be in the State Library room.-When the news reached me I felt badly worse than sick-a-bed for weeks and months. However, during the winter of 1858, I travelled through the State endeavoring to re-

find. My son Franklin spent three months in the same work. We were very successful at an expense of about \$2300. Out of this collection made in Vermont, and on the western borders of New Hampshire, I retained ly carrying out of the President's rule of about 6000 pamphlets, and sent 15,000 to my son Henry, London, Eng. He also had

such of the books collected as he desired for

exchange. I now have in my library-room in the Medcal College in this place, about 5500 pamphlets, 700 vols. of books, 134 vols. of newspapers bound, 350 vols. unbound, 140,000 pages of manuscript letters, both business and historical, bearing date from 1720 to the present time. I have spent the past year, since I came to this place, in arranging newspapers and manuscripts for binding. I am aclined to believe that Job's trials were but trifling compared with mine. As to patience, have I not excelled him? Sixty years, as before said, have passed over my head; my family scattered here and there. Now, my

dear sir, what shall I do with this collec-In 1828, I commenced examining the Bennington Gazette,' published first in May, 1783; 'Spooner's Journal,' August-1783, and other regular files of papers printquired to stand up in a chair and read the ed in Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusixth chapter of Matthew, after which Judge | setts, Connecticut and New York and making an index of whatever I consi'dered wor or, Mr. Ezra Carter, certifying that he had they of notice. I was very careful of keeping examined me, and that I was qualified to enter | watch of professional men, where they gradthe Grammar School. Father again on his unted, with whom they studied their profeshorse, I behind him, we started for Peacham. | sion, to what political party they belonged, We took dinner at D.a. Min r's, where I | at what time they changed their politics or offices they held from time to time, and when

In 1849, I had nearly one ream of paper closely written of extracts from different papers. I became tired and sick of this work and quit it; yet I was sorry when these papers were burnt. Almost all of our politicians holding office, for thirty or forty years past, have been on all sides of every political measure. I can only compare them to Nantucket sheeps tails-wag! wag! wag! I am, sir, your humble serv't.

HENRY STEVENS. The Tribune knows perfectly that the support

uable and efficient than that of out-and-out advocates. - N. Y. Times. Just what an influential Democrat of this State said to us a few months ago about the help his party was getting from the N. Y. Times. "We rely upon the Times", said he, and farmed it extensively. At the time of to " help us elect Douglas—and all the more lican party,it proceeds to say that it "ought my father's death there were seven children efficiently, because it does not come out for to select its Presidential candidate from among lowed Patti's motions last night! how still the him in plain terms. Every now and then its own men, and not go outside of its own you see something in it which gives a favoragoes into a great many hands that would not | in earnest in what they profess, they will | thing about such matters, certainly not, but-yes, in all. A slate and pencil were furnished a Douglas paper. But coming to them as an taking their men as the sole condition of their must have bought her a new brush, and a whiteme. On one side I kept an account of all independent paper, and thus looked upon as votes, it will show that they are not sincere wash brush at that. We expect they will paint, the money received each day; and on the a friend rather than an enemy, it gradually in their co-operation, but in fact had rather but why need they do it so horribly " Why, indraws their minds over towards Douglas, see the Democratic party succeed than allow a truly Republican Administration. To seslate and money-drawer into mother's room. without their being aware of it. In time we leet our candidates from among those who will have learned by telegraph before this of the She would count the money received, add up feel sure it will come out openly for him, and labored so earnestly to defeat us in 1856, of course it will carry a great many of that would be degrading as well as sufcidul. If sort of readers with it."

due time a table was placed on one side of ing his boundaries, and re-arranging his in- with his prestige of experience and statesmanthem staking most of the ten weekly news- in, handsomely fitted up, with a skylight paper and taking special care of them from room for the display of cloths in the custom into the hands of their men. that day till the pre-nt time, a period of department, in the rear, and rooms at the ble, and will afford, for the present at least, eral at an early period and general agent for ample accommodations for Mr. Turk's large the whole thing is creditable to all concerned.

> PENNSYLVANIA POLITICS.—The Pennsylvania Opposition State Convention was held at | that imperial city : Harrisburgh, Feb. 22d. A resolution was passed, yeas 89, nays 39, endorsing Mr. Cameron as the choice of Pennsylvania before the Chicago Convention, and the delegates ballot, A. J. Curtin was nominated.

"It is very lamentable that our friends of the

Free Press should applaud and emulate its fatal Courier and Enquirer says, charges it with ple." In respect either to what the New York Courier and Enquirer actually said, or to what the Times represents it to have said, justify the remark of the Times. "It is very lamentable that " the Times cannot break itself of its reckless or unscrupulous way of making accusations

PERILOUS ADVENTURE .- A correspondent of the Vermont Chronicle gives an account of the ascent of a party of four couples of ladies and gentlemen to the top of Mount Mansfield. livered the third; Hon. G. W. Marsh the on Thursday the 9th inst.—the day preceding the Friday on which occurred the great gale

"Four courageous couples of ladies and gentle-A PLASH IN THE PAN.— The committee of the At the meeting of the Society, Oct., 1859, Gov. Hiland Hall was a war exceedingly half of the area on the rest was a wide scattering of the rest, Clossmen passed the night of the 9th inst, at the Summit House on Mount Mansfield. The enterprise sequently attended the trial of Stephens and henner (dem.) receiving 84, three less than sequently attended the trial of Stephens and he did on the preceding vote. After some the last wile and a half of the assent is from six joined and paid their initiation fee. Thus ended my connexion with the Society. A committee was appointed to written and a half of the ascent is from six to eight feet deep. But a road has been kept open by the workmen who are engaged in hauling up lumber for the addition that is to be erected to the Summit House next season. And as the 9th inst. to-day, but goes on to Kichmond, Va., in a was quite warm, no apprehensions of suffering were day or two, in company with Mr. Sennott, entertained by the party. They were able to get a four-horse sleigh within a mile of the Summit House, which is half a mile nearer than a carriage it is hoped may influence the Governor or descent the following morning was attended with much suffering. It is believed that had not three or four of the inhabitants at the foot of the mountain gone up to meet them in the morning, some or all of the party would have perished. The gen-tlemen had become quite exhausted in their efforts to beat a road for the horses, and two or three of the ladies had nearly given up in despair, when friendly assistance came to their relief. The party arrived at Stowe village, six miles from the foot of the mountain, about noon, of the 10th, greatly fatigued, but otherwise uninjured by the exploit, excepting that they had a few frozen ears, fingers and toes."

> LIQUOR LAW IN RICHMOND.—Ransom Colberth, hotel-keeper of Richmond, was on Tuesday the 21st, fined \$20 and costs for violations of the Prohibitory Law.
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> In the calls them the "Mackay and Mackay breed," and says the lot which he saw in the pen of Mr. H. G. Merriam of Tewksbury, were from a sow bought by him on beard view. place the pamphlets, collecting also all the distance old manuscripts, as well as books, I could violations of the Prohibitory Law.

THE CAUSE.—The Bradford Telegraph, ship, at one of the Boston wharves, seve having imputed the decapitation of John years ago. Cain, the late Rutland Postmaster to a mere-

"We must, in justice to the Democracy at large, be allowed to say that the appointment of a man who has held office under the Government for a longer space of time than we have—and at a salary and aft, and any one but a Jew would be glad to of \$800 per annum during the whole time and up to the day he takes our old shoes-may be viewed by the Telegraph as rotation in office; but there are those who will be apt to consider such kind of 'ro-

How then does John Cain account for the loss of his head? Naturally enough as fol-

We announced ourselves in favor of Stephen A. Douglas for the Presidency. This unpardonable | and a very good concert it was. The feature of crime, in the eyes of the man who owes his nomination and election to that same Douglas, was the cause-and the only course-for our being superceded as Postmaster at Cuttand. We know it-the mocracy know it-and the Bradford Telegraph

Washington's Birth Day.—The 22d was celebrated with spirit, in a number of places. Our New York correspondent tells how they enjoyed it in that city. In Washington they inaugurated Mills' Statue of Washington with great parade and eclat. In Boston the day is a legal holiday, and was celebrated by the ringing of bells, the firing of cannon and confession of faith, their wise sayings, what a grand military display. At Williams College the anniversary was commemorated by a social festival, at which Pres. Hopkins presided, and supper, speeches, songs and sentiments filled out an interesting evening. In Burlington it was celebrated by a Ball at the Lake House, arranged and catered for by showed several times what she could do ; let out CURTIS and his capable assistant Carry, in a little of the fire that slumbers behind her eager their admirable style, and which is generally pronounced to have been one of the most delightful affairs of the kind which has occurred in Burlington.

From the Buffalo Express. Words Fitly Spoken.

The New York Evening Post has broken ground on the Presidential question, with so much sound sense, good discretion, and wise ty in it, -if you will give yourself up to the judgment that we copy the concluding part | magic of sweet sounds and impassioned gestures, a ranks under any consideration whatever. If those opponents of the Administration who have no difficulty in vot we can present. But if they insist upon our, we are willing to have a man who stands upon the same ground with Fillmore, how can we justify ourselves for not having voted for has been lost since the commencement of steam nav-AN ELEGANT CLOTHING STORE .- Our Fillmore the last time? But, indeed, if we igntion on the Atlantic, and the second that this are willing to take such a man now, we had best, by all means take Fillmore himself,

largest and handsomest clothing store in the back track now, when the tide of public verment. It has now a front of about feeling against the Slave Power is so much forty foet, in Bank block, with two large higher than it ever was before. If the outsiders show windows, between which is a spacious will vote with us for our men, give them all all manner of other second and placed on the shelf. Once in six recessed entrance way—forming an exceed- the blessings of a renovated Government and was missing, inquiry was instituted and if not lingly tasteful and elegant front. The large a country rescued from dishonor. If they they would be sure to do if we give the power

"With such men as Seward and Chase, sides for the accommodation of customers | Banks and Lincoln, and others in plenty, let newspapers that were collected and preserved who wish to try on garments. All is light, to vote for. Let us have candidates, first of them saleable,) airy and spacious as possi. ranks, and prepare us for further service. Better come out of the campaign as we did last time united and consolidated, and full of confidence and resolution, though defeated, and growing trade. The work has been than to win a nominal victory, which shall leave the power in the hands of those who have no sympathy with us, and ourselves disheartened and demoralised."

> A Paris letter thus describes Louis Napopoleon, on one of the spacious avenues of

"Driving a pair of splendid bays attached to a box wagon, with the reins in his own hands, and handling them as though he were accustomed to it, in the extreme. The procession of the American without any outriders, equerries or guards, the Emperor Napoleon came along the avenue. He was dressed in a black overcoat, and a hat which to that Convention were directed to cast their was of a fashion of its own. The points of his nearly ready to march back up Broadway home.—
votes as a unit, and for him. The several moustache looked particularly sharp, and his 'imThirty-three lodges composed the procession, Districts are to elect their own delegates.—

The Convention proceeded to nominate a candidate for Governor, when, on the 3d ballot, A. J. Curtin was nominated.

throng of vehicles of every description which filled the avenue, particularly as the driver, while keeping one eye upon their steeds, was obliged with the other to acknowledge the salutations which he received on every side, and he kept up a contin- reached the Park about 4, just at the very height ual bowing. I consider myself a tolerably good democrat, but I took my hat entirely from my head as he passed. A great man is he-he has | in honor of Washington ! How melancholy such been successful, and cant as pseudo philosophers a march, drenched and weather beaten, scarcely The Times distorts what the New York | may about it, success is the true measure of great men, after all. The Emperor gives as yet no signs of age, (he will be fifty two on the 20th of "an utter and shameless abnegation of prin- April next) but looks as fresh and young, I the inspiriting shouts of the multitude, no fair think, as when I saw him five years ago, before eves watching from crowded side-walks, but inciple" and then laments that the "Free Press | think, as when I saw him hee years ago, be had the whole weight of Europe on his shoul-

> At the request of many of our best citizens we very cheerfully mention the name of FRED. VAN SICKLIN as a candidate for Constable and Collector for the ensuing year. Mr. VAN Sicklin is a deservedly popular man, and every way qualified for the duties of the offices for which he is named .- Times, Feb. 25. The thorough and faithful way in which

> the interests of the town have been attended to by its present constable and collector. SAMUEL HUNTINGTON, Esq., is reason enough why the great body of the taxpayers ought to vote against a transfer of those offices to any other hands whatever, and we are sure

was summoned before the John Brown In- Mass.; Mr. Bowles received 57 votes, and vestigating Committee at Washington, sub- there was a wide scattering of the rest, Glossto-day, but goes on to Richmond, Va., in a Legislature of Virginia in favor of the two young men, whose crime, at worst, is really by the laws of Virginia, only what they call to an election. "Murder in the second degree," and not unishable with death; but whose death we fear is not to be prevented or postponed by any thing that northern men can do. Still it is right that the effort be made.

OREAT BREED OF HOGS.—The editor of the of a prevention.

The Republicans are to have a caucus tomorrow afternoon, on the subject of a Lowell Citizen gives an account of a breed of Swine, which, from the specimens described, bids fair to go ahead of any thing commonly

"The oldest and largest barrow, which weight one thousand pounds, girts seven feet, and measures seven feet from the eyes to the root of the tail, is such a porker as we never siw before. His flesh is as solid as that of an ordinary pig, his head is lean, eyes wide open, and nose long and sharp. get a piece of his chine."

Correspondence of the Free Press. LETTER FROM NEW YORK. Mesers, Editors:

New Nork, February 21, 1860. Saturday night was the fourth concertnight for the Philharmonic Society of Brooklyn , the evening was Beethoven's beautiful Seventh Symphony, by many considered the best of all. I cannot attempt an essay on it, and should not add much to your stock of musical knowledge if I were to; you can find out all about it much more agreeably and fully elsewhere. Some parts of it did not particularly please me, but the rest was sufficiently sweet to more than make up. What a wonder it is that the deaf old man could write such music ! picking it out of his broken stringed piano, like-there is nothing like it .- pearls out of oyster pits parhaps ; -- hardly, for the pearls must have many a rub and polish and a rim of chased

gold, before Beauty can wear them. The vocal music of the evening was by Madame Gazzaniga and Mr. Cooke. The concert room is hardly the place to show Gazzaniga to advantage, -she needs the whirl and excitement of the stage to bring out her powers. Yet comparatively tame and spiritless as must be the rendering of an aria, with folded hands beside a piano, she

eyes and sharply cut face. Last night "Lucia di Lammermoor" was given at the Academy of Music, and soldom is it better rendered either. I do not think any one I have heard, excelled "little Patti," as Legion delights to call her, as Lucia. Many consider the opera as the height of absurdity. Who sings himself to death? not even the swans, now-a-days. But go you to see it, and unless you settle firmly back with the fixed resolve to see nothing but absurdiof its remarks with much satisfaction. After | fitness in such expression of thought and feeling discussing the ends and aims of the Repub- will show itself to you, -the reductio will no lon. ger be ad absurdum. How eagerly all eyes fol-

Must there always be cooper under the gold ; it was print! A lady near me remarked, "Patti

probable loss of the Hungarian, off Cape Sable. It have perished. This is the fourteenth steamer that same company have lost. The steamer Indian, which was wrecked last year, you remember, belonged to this line. I will write you again when

more particulars come to. Yours, &c.,

New York, Feb. 22, 1860. To-day is Washington's birth day, and I am sure if he were alive to see, he'd be ashamed sales-room is the principal feature with- will not do this, they might better defeat us overcoat and all by a strong wind overhead, and in the election than destroy us after it, which | such herrors under foot ! I heard it said, in crossing the ferry from Brooklyn this morning, that Broadway had been cleaned, over night,the birthday of Washington, or rather the military display thereon, proving a stronger inducement than the health or comfort of the city. So hurby his father, James Whitelaw, who for | (for Turk's goods need no twilight to make | all, who will unite and consolidate our own rying up Wall street, I plunged into Broadway to lovingly clings round your feet elsewhere .-Plunged! yes, that is the word. Shade of Augeas ! if this is Broadway cleaned, what is it dirty ! the filth was knee deep; to cross a street was an engineering feat worthy of-who is it that builds such famous bridges ?-- But reaching the corner of the Park, it became evident, that the street had been what a New-Yorker calls cleaned, down to that point. You could see the outline of the pavement, by mounting one of the piles of dirt

> along the gutter. The military display of the day was melancholy Protestant Association did well enough, for the worst of the weather did not set in till they were some having large wagons ornamented with the regalia of the order, and they made as good an appearance as the unpleasantness of the day would allow. But the unlucky soldiers who started about 2 o'clock P. M., and the last of whose companies of the storm ! Patriots indeed, to dare such foes able to hear the dismal beat of the wet-slackened drum for the flerce rattling of the rain, without eyes watching from crowded side-walks, but instead, a plashy walk through streets deserted but for a few umbrellas, and the boys, to whom the cleansing rain was a mercy,-it would have been ludicrous, if it were not so pitiably uncomforta-

> THURSDAY MORNING .- A bright clear sky and warm sun, like April. This should have been yesterday. Has Leapyear disarranged the calendar? O, Merriam, set it right before another rainy term comes on.

> > Yours, &c., CONGRESS.

Nothing of interest occurred in the Senate. The House was occupied with balloting for Printer. After two ballots were had, in which Defrees rather fell off, Mr. Kilgore of Indiana withdrew Mr. Defree's name. Mr. MR. B. B. NEWTON, of St. Albans, who Dawes of Mass. nominated Samuel Bowles of had. Whole number of ballots given 177. Necessary to a choice 89. Edward Ball of Ohio had 88; Glossbrenner 84; scattering 5

Adjourned. The House occupied some time with balloting for printer, but with no approach

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24th. The Indian Bureau has received official advice, that the Navajos have at last commenced a decisive war upon our people, and are killing the Mexicans along the Rio Grande. Superintendent Collins says a war with the tribe is now beyond the possibility

LEAVENWORTH, K. T., Feb. 24th.